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MEMORANDUM:

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution Honoring Sharon A. Wise

Attached is a draft resolution in honor of Sharon A. Wise for her service on the State Board of Education

It is recommended that the State Board of Education adopt the resolution attached to the Superintendent's memorandum dated December 6, 2002, honoring Sharon A. Wise.

RESOLUTION

Sharon A. Wise

WHEREAS, Sharon A. Wise is a graduate of Utah State University; and

WHEREAS, Sharon A. Wise has been heavily involved in national level Republican politics throughout her career, serving as the Republican National Committeewoman of Michigan from 1997 to the present, and as a member of the Rules Committee and the Republican National Committee's Education Task Force; and

WHEREAS, her involvement in the state political arena included chairing the 1990, 1992, 1994, and 1996 campaigns of U.S. Representative Dave Camp, as Chairman of the 4th District Republican Committee from 1991-92, and as Vice Chairman of the 10th District Republican Committee from 1987-90; and

WHEREAS, Sharon A. Wise also has been involved in her local community, having served as President of the Owosso Country Club Women's Association from 1990 to 1991, Vice President of the Women's Association from 1989 to 1990, and as a past member of the Board of Directors for the Shiawassee County Y.W.C.A. and Families Against Substance Abuse; and

WHEREAS, Sharon A. Wise was appointed by Governor Engler in December 2000 to the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Board of Directors to represent the general public, and re-appointed in April 2002 for a term expired February 18, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Sharon A. Wise was elected to the State Board of Education in November 1994, serving an eight-year term until January 1, 2003, and where she has served admirably as a Board member; and

WHEREAS, during her eight years of service on the State Board of Education, Sharon A. Wise, has tirelessly promoted educational reform, and has shifted its focus toward lifting up all of Michigan's schools, especially those that are underperforming; and

WHEREAS, Sharon A. Wise also chaired the State Board of Education's Ensuring Early Childhood Literacy Task Force, which focused on ensuring that every child in Michigan, regardless of race, gender, or socioeconomic background, receives a high quality education beginning early in life; and

WHEREAS, Sharon A. Wise has informed the State Board of Education and the citizens of Michigan that she will step down from the State Board of Education as of January 1, 2003; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education extends to Sharon A. Wise its highest regard and heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and expertise she has brought to the children of Michigan, their parents, and the millions of Michigan citizens her work has affected and impacted; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education express its fervent wish that Sharon A. Wise enjoys many rewarding experiences with her two children, Christopher and Emily.